

# FREMONT

CITY SCHOOLS

OTIS ELEMENTARY



## Important Dates

- Feb. 1 Make A Difference Club
- Feb. 8 PTO 6:00 p.m.
- Feb. 9 Mid-Terms Go Home
- Feb. 9 Men With Manners Meeting
- Feb. 15 Make A Difference Club
- Feb. 16 Chocolate Bar Sale Ends
- Feb. 19 No School-Presidents Day
- Feb. 22 Community Meeting @ FMS  
5:30-7:00p.m. & 7:30 – 9:00p.m.
- Feb. 23 Year Book Sale Ends
- Mar. 1 Make A Difference Club
- Mar. 8 PTO 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 9 Men With Manners Meeting
- Mar. 14 SPRING PICTURES
- Mar. 23 Grade Cards Go Home
- Mar. 27 Gifted Field Trip
- Mar. 28 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- Mar. 30 No School

**April 2-6**

**No School-Spring Break**

\*\*\*Please remember to check your child's book bag daily for items that should NOT come to school. This includes toys, electronics, weapons, toy weapons, etc. Thank you!

1. INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
2. CLOSE SOCIO-ECONOMIC, ETHNIC AND DISABILITY GAPS IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
3. BUILD HOPE, TRUST AND RESPECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY

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Dear Parents,

**BASKETBALL FRENZIE:** We are extremely proud to have 33 of our young men and women representing Otis on three basketball teams in our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade league. This league was brought back last year and has been a very fun addition to our elementary school rivalries. Students are learning about sportsmanship, hard work and are increasing their physical fitness. Games are held at the Fremont Rec Center on Saturdays. E-mail or call the school for a complete schedule of games.

**DRESS CODE REMINDER:** When the weather is cold, we permit students to layer clothing. Please remember that any undershirt must be solid (no stripes, patterns, etc.) and must also be one of the approved Campus Wear colors— purple, white, blue, black or gray. Students are also permitted to wear a solid color (purple, white, blue, black or gray) 1/4 zipper fleece, nylon, or cotton pullover, no hoods. Students must have an approved collared shirt on underneath.

**THE "24 HOUR" RULE:** Flu season is here, and we've had lots of kids out sick or sent home with colds and flu lately. Please remember that we have a "24 Hour" rule when deciding whether or not to send your child to school. This means that you should keep your child home until his/her temperature has been normal and they have gone without vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours. So, if your child goes home from school sick, they should remain home the following day. This not only protects your child, but the health of all their classmates as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

**VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES:** Each classroom will have their Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. More information will come home soon from your child's teacher.

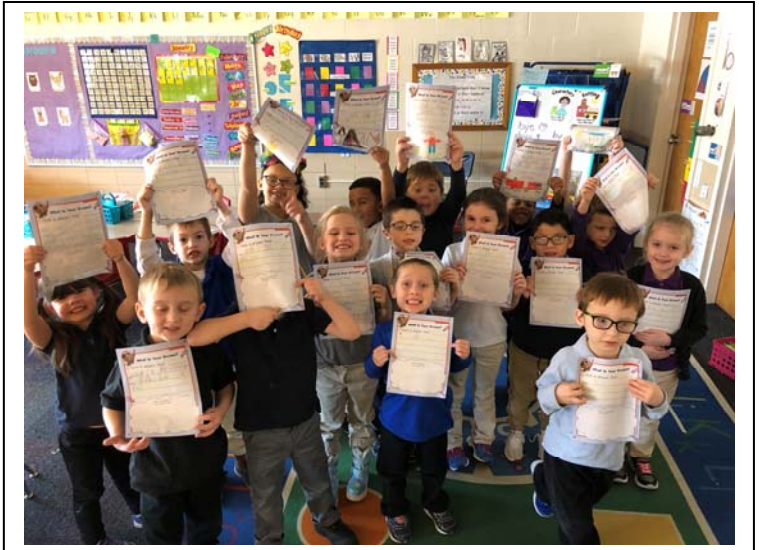
With Children at Heart,

Mrs. Laura F. Bryant

STRONG ACADEMICS + STRONG CHARACTER = STRONG COMMUNITY

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Students in Miss Merrill's class learned about Martin Luther King Jr. and the dream that he had where all people would get along and work with each other. Each student got a chance to write about what their dream would be and what they hoped all people would do. They also got to draw a picture that went along with the dream that they had. The students enjoyed getting to learn about a famous person that worked hard to improve the world and relationships that we have with others.



**Honor Roll – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks**

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ava Adkins                    | Kamari Alridge        |
| Valeria Andres                | Noah Babcock          |
| Elizabeth Below               | Kira Bertmeyer        |
| Violet Boonie                 | TaeDen Brown          |
| Tallon Brown                  | Iris Burmeister       |
| Kenneth Collins               | Madison Gurley        |
| Austin Halbisen               | Morgan Harris         |
| Santino Harvey                | Braydon Jenkins       |
| Alannah Johnson               | Anisa Killian         |
| Madillyn Kinkaid              | Alvia Kreilick        |
| Kayla Lewis                   | Emily Linder          |
| Evan Luc                      | Elisa Madell          |
| Daniel Madrigal               | Austin Mattox         |
| Dylan McDonald                | Roman Meza            |
| Aniah Meza                    | Reagan Myers          |
| Chrislynn Nelson              | Lincoln Ollom         |
| Aryal Patino                  | Jonathan Peck         |
| Graciela Perez                | Haley Polter          |
| Brooklyn Reau                 | Stephen Reiter        |
| Lilyana Reyes-Rodriguez       | Colin Rich            |
| Cayden Rodriguez              | James Roth            |
| Bryceton Sabo                 | Ashlynn Scully        |
| Marcus Shetenhelm             | Nickolaus Steigerwald |
| Marieanna Shinkareva-Griffith |                       |
| Nathaniel Sweeney             | Lanae' Tucker         |
| Logan Tucker                  | Jasmine Vittitow      |
| Devin Walker                  | Dazaiya Webb          |
| Elizabeth Webb                | Lillian Wilson        |
| Alexa Zacarias                |                       |

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Perfect Attendance**

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| Gage Babcock            | Jocelyn Boltz    |
| Eloy Brito              | Iris Burmeister  |
| Adrian Dimodica         | Parker Dimodica  |
| Eric Elder              | Brayden Fought   |
| Giovanny Garza          | Arizona Halbisen |
| Joseph Horner           | Austyn Kashmer   |
| Michael Kennedy         | Anisa Killian    |
| Carson Lewis            | Kayla Lewis      |
| Emily Linder            | Jenna Madell     |
| Elisa Madell            | Reagan Myers     |
| Collinn Ollom           | Lincoln Ollom    |
| Haley Polter            | Briallen Reau    |
| Brooklyn Reau           | Adyn Reynolds    |
| Lilyana Reyes-Rodriguez |                  |
| Alexander Rich          | Colin Rich       |
| Robert Rich             | Ashlynn Scully   |
| Leah Shawl              | Ethan Sheldrick  |
| Roman Slane             | Adam Wampler     |
| Elizabeth Webb          |                  |

**Cooperation** is the word of the month for **February**. Cooperation is the ability to get along with others and work together. While we don't have to be best friends with everyone, we need to learn to cooperate with everyone! This can be tricky at times, but it creates a positive learning environment.

### Tips for Cooperation

- Use rock, paper, scissors to solve a problem
- Take Turns
- Share
- Flip a coin
- Pick youngest/oldest to see who goes first when playing a game.
- Talk it out peacefully
- Remember it is ok to agree to disagree about something, but everyone still needs to be respectful.
- Get help from a grown up if needed

The Character Word of the Month for **March** is **SELF-CONTROL**. Self-Control is the ability to be in control of one's actions. Practicing self-control helps make responsible and respectful citizens.

### Ways to Building Character at Home:

- Have your child use a technique, such as deep breaths or counting backwards, to calm down when upset, rather than acting impulsively.
- Encourage your child to wait patiently when 2 people are talking and say 'Excuse me,' when interrupting.
- Use this phrase with your child "You are in control of your body, your words and your actions."
- Model self-control in front of your child. Deal with your problems and your strong feelings in a calm manner.
- Reward positive behaviors instead of always punishing negative ones.

PTO Meetings  
PTO meets in the Otis  
Library  
6:00 p.m.  
Feb. 8  
March 8  
April 12  
May 17

We'd love for you to join us.



A great way to help your child be college and/or career ready is to stay connected with his/her school.

Students who have involved parents view school as important to future success. Here are ways to get involved with your child's education: Attend parent-teacher conferences and stay informed about your child's progress and grades. Encourage your child to stay organized and review work that comes home. If you have questions, contact your student's teacher.

Career Chat: What do you enjoy about school? Is there a career that involves your favorite things?

Learning new skills is not always easy. Encourage your child to never give up and seek help when necessary. Learning when and how to get assistance is an important skill for college and life.

Remember, it is better to get help early before a problem gets worse.

If you think your child needs extra help, ask a teacher or counselor assistance available. Career chat:

What is something that has been hard for you to learn? What helped you be successful? Who helped you be successful?

February  
Student of the Month

Anisa Killian

Anisa is a student in Mr. Melter's fourth grade class.

Anisa likes to bake, act (she's been in a play) and play softball. She would like to be an author, actress or doctor when she grows up.

Congratulations Anisa!

March  
Student of the Month

Kayla Lewis

Kayla is a student in Mrs. Johnson's fifth grade class.

Kayla enjoys playing volleyball, basketball and track. In her free time she likes to read and play outside.

Congratulations Kayla!

Birchard Public Library – Fremont  
**Crazy 8's Club**

Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Mondays, January 29<sup>th</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 – 5:30 pm

*Crazy 8's is not your usual math club. You'll build glow-in-the-dark structures, create secret spy codes, play games like Toilet Paper Olympics, and take home some cool gadgets too. This is an 8-week session, with each session built on skills learned from the previous one, so a child should commit to all 8 sessions. After the first cool meeting, "Glow in the Dark Geometry", you'll be hooked!!!*

Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register.

Birchard Public Library – Fremont

**Building Challenges – Craft Sticks, Cups, and Cubes**

Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Drop in anytime between 10 am – 2 pm

What's the tallest structure you can build? Come to the library and try this and several other challenges, using craft sticks, cups and wooden cubes. You'll also get a chance to create a craft to take home.

Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register.

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**Kindness is WONDERFUL**

Grades: K-6  
Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
1 – 3 pm

Join us as we watch the hit movie Wonder, based on the best-selling children's book by R.J. Palacio. We will also have kindness themed crafts. (Rated PG)

Please call 419-334-7101 ext. 209 to register.

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**LEGO Challenge**

Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
4:30 – 6:00 pm

Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

*Drop in and bring your imagination. We'll supply the LEGOS. Build as a group or on your own. Creations will be on display each month to allow patrons to vote for their theme favorite. Prizes will be awarded*

No registration is required.

**Open Enrollment for 2018-19**

“The Fremont City Board of Education has adopted policies and procedures permitting students to attend a school, within our school district, other than the school in which the students and parents reside. Applications for the 2018-2019 school year will be taken beginning March 1st and continue through March 31st. Applications and copies of policies and procedures may be obtained by contacting the principal of your school of choice beginning March 1, 2018 or downloaded from the district website at [www.fremontschools.net](http://www.fremontschools.net) and click on Student Registration.

Inter-district applications are for students who do not reside in the Fremont City Schools District but would like to attend Fremont City Schools. Intra-district applications (elementary only) are for students who reside within Fremont City Schools District and would like to attend an elementary school of their choosing. Applications will be processed in the order they are received at the school. If you have any questions, you may call Susan King, Director of Human Resources & Community Relations at (419) 334-5433. Applications will be processed by August 1, 2018.